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TODAY'S NEWS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

DAVIS ENTERPRISE - Housing rules win city's OK - By Claire St. John // A middle-income housing ordinance, approved by the Davis City Council on a 4-1 vote Tuesday night, was written to help people who work in Davis live in Davis. Only a percentage of any development above 26 units will be subject to the price restrictions, and demand is expected to be high ...

<http://www.davisenterprise.com/articles/2005/12/14/news/017new1.txt>

SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS - San Mateo County one of costliest areas to rent – [Bay City News Service] // San Mateo County is taking steps toward developing more affordable housing for its residents after being ranked in a study as one of the most expensive counties in the nation for rental housing. ...

http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/13414221.htm

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE - Low-income, seniors housing OK'd – by Booyean Lee // ESCONDIDO – Two run-down trailer parks long considered eyesores should be replaced with apartments for low-income families and seniors, the City Council decided last night. The council decided to spend \$8 million of the city's affordable-housing funds on the two projects over the next three years. ...

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051215/news_1mi15low.html

TAHOE WORLD - Housing advocates consider Petaluma's affordability solution – by Alanna Lungren // Taking the land value out of the equation is the simplest way to describe Petaluma, California's model for affordable housing, called a housing land trust. It is also a model that the Workforce Housing Association of Truckee Tahoe's new business plan evaluates. ...

<http://www.tahoe-world.com/article/20051214/News/112140011>

FRESNO BEE - Mendota embraces builder's \$70m plan - by Donald E. Coleman // A \$70 million development project — the scope of which is unique to the Valley — could provide nearly 500 homes for farmworkers, along with retail and other services. ...

<http://www.fresnobee.com/local/story/11593646p-12325721c.html>

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE - District won't make owners of new homes install recycled-water pipes – by Anne Krueger //SANTEE – Owners of new homes served by the Padre Dam Municipal Water District won't be required to have pipes for recycled water installed, the district board has decided. At a cost of \$3,000 per house, the recycled-water pipes would add too much to the price of a new home ... http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051215/news_2m15padre.html

VACAVILLE REPORTER - Council OKs plans for subdivision - The former site of an old elementary school in central Vacaville will soon be home to 37 single-family houses. The Vacaville City Council unanimously approved plans for the Ivywood subdivision // http://www.thereporter.com/news/ci_3311604

LAND USE / PLANNING

LOS ANGELES TIMES - Smog Fighters May Make Builders Pay: In a U.S. first, a Central Valley agency is poised to impose air pollution fees on developers - by Miguel Bustillo // Convinced that sprawl begets smog, Central Valley air quality officials are expected today to become the first regulators in the nation to force builders to pay air pollution fees for new development. Builders would pay less if their new homes, shopping centers and office complexes ... <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-smog15dec15.0,2514442.story>

CONTRA COSTA TIMES – Developers may have to help clean air or pay - by Juliana Barbassa (AP)// FRESNO - Regulators working to clean up one of the nation's dirtiest air basins want developers to pitch in -- or pay up. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will vote today on a rule that would require developers to reduce air pollution ... <http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/living/science/13412274.htm>

General plan discussion tonight - by Theresa Harrington // With just a month to go before finalizing its recommendations for Walnut Creek's growth and development in the next 20 years, the Planning Commission is meeting tonight to discuss the blueprint for the city's future. ... http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/contra_costa_county/central_contr_a_costa/13412304.htm

SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE – Downtown project in El Cajon gets OK – by Liz Neely // Corners Promenade is a companion project to the 28 townhomes Priest Development built on West Douglas Avenue. The council approved it in 2001. It was the first mixed-use project approved for downtown. It had to go before the commission and council again because the commercial component had changed considerably. ... http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20051215/news_2m15cajon.html

REAL ESTATE

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS - U.S. housing costs increase in 2005 - Full-time worker needs to earn \$15.78 an hour to afford 2-bedroom rental [Inman News] // A new study released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition found that the minimum hourly wage someone must earn to be able to afford rent and utilities nationally for a two-bedroom home has increased by 41 cents over last year. ... <http://www.car.org/index.php?id=MzAxMjA=#>

REALTY TIMES - Losing Homes To Ignorance, Inaction and Denial - by Broderick Perkins // Homeowners facing default on their mortgage too often take the head-in-the-sand approach and leave their No. 1 asset exposed to foreclosure. Homeownership requires proactive financial management even when the payments are on time ... http://realtytimes.com/rtcpages/20051214_losinghome.htm

HOMELESSNESS

HOLLISTER PINNACLE - A home of their own: Sobrato transitional apartments are nearly complete - By Melissa Flores // As the nights grow colder, as storms come and go, while some residents fret over the rising cost of heating homes, there is an invisible population in Gilroy that has not been able to meet the bare necessity of keeping a stable roof over their heads. These families will soon have a chance at putting their lives back together. ... <http://www.pinnaclenews.com/sv-edition/story.php?id=1>

NORTH COUNTY TIMES - Winter shelters opening doors today in Vista, Escondido – by Craig Tenbroeck and David Fried // NORTH COUNTY -- Shelters in Vista and Escondido are opening their doors today to give North County's homeless a place to sleep this winter. At the 50-bed Operation Hope shelter at 123 W. Orange St. in Vista, volunteers will start screening families for admittance ... http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2005/12/15/news/top_stories/22_23_4412_14_05.txt

LOS ANGELES TIMES - ACLU Leader Approved for City Homeless Panel Council members back Ramona Ripston, but some criticize agency's suit over city policies - by Patrick McGreevy // A divided Los Angeles City Council confirmed the mayor's appointment of a third person with ties to the ACLU to a panel on homelessness Wednesday, ending a bruising political battle over how their appointments would affect the city's efforts to clean up skid row. ... <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-homeless15dec15,1,2404215.story>

REDEVELOPMENT

THE DESERT SUN - Indio making improvements to old neighborhood: Residents welcome street work along John Nobles Avenue – by Xochitl Peña // Stop signs, handicap accessible sidewalks and a slew of shade trees along John Nobles Avenue are some of the subtle changes occurring in one of Indio's older and more weathered neighborhoods. The improvements at Desert Gardens - also called John Nobles and Mayfair - don't stop there, though. ... <http://www.thedesertsun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051215/NEWS01/512150322/1006>

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SANTA MARIA TIMES - Orcutt residents unite to form group - by Randi Block // Fearful that several new regulations in Old Town Orcutt would destroy the feel and safety of the small community, Chuck Williams decided it was time to take some action. Within the past two months, Williams has gathered 10 residents of his neighborhood and formed a new group ...

<http://www.santamariatimes.com/articles/2005/12/15/news/local/news04.txt>

NAPA VALLEY REGISTER - St. Helena mulls idea of easing housing burden for next police chief - By DAVID RYAN // St. Helena city officials have mulled ways to increase affordable housing to workers like teachers and firefighters in recent years. Now another, more well paid class of government worker is being added to the conversation -- the chief of police. ...

http://www.napaValleyregister.com/articles/2005/12/14/news/local/ig_3211063.txt

PRESERVATION

THE DESERT SUN - A deal on mountain building? - Compromise offered for development, preservation – by Stefanie Frith and Colin Atagi // Development and open space co-existing along one of the valley's signature vistas. That's the idea behind two ordinances proposed by the Task Force for Mountain and Foothill Preservation and Planning during Wednesday night's Palm Springs City Council meeting. ...

<http://www.thedesertsun.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051215/NEWS05/512150319>

SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT - Local tiger salamander plan gets federal OK - Pact would set aside 4,000 acres, avoid critical habitat designation, shave millions off costs - by BLEYS W. ROSE // The local plan to regulate development near tiger salamander habitat received approval Wednesday from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which decided preservation will be more effective than federal intervention. ...

<http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051215/NEWS/512150302/1033/NEWS01>

GOVERNMENT SITES:

California Dept. of Finance – Governor's Budget

http://www.dof.ca.gov/HTML/BUD_DOCS/Bud_link.htm

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development - Press Releases

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/news/release/>

California Dept. of Housing & Community Development – Bibliographies

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<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/news/clips.html>

Today's Focus at HUD

[HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/focus/focus.html)

The United States General Accounting Office-GAO Reports

<http://www.gao.gov/audit.htm>

Federal Register, Today's Table of Contents

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html

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